Remarks

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed March 23, 2005.

Claims 1-16, 31-56, and 58-160 were pending in the Application prior to the outstanding Office Action. In the Office Action, claims 1, 4-9, 12-16, 31, 34-38, 41, 44-48, 51-52, 54, 56, 58-59, 63-69, 71-72, 74-82, 84-86, 90-96, 98-111, 115-119, 122-123, 126, 128-132, 134-136, 140-145 and 147-160 were rejected, and claims 2-3, 10-11, 32-33, 39-40, 42-43, 49-50, 53, 55, 57, 60-62, 70, 73, 83, 87-89, 97, 112-114, 120-121, 124-125, 127, 133, 137-139 and 146 were objected to solely as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

In the Advisory Action mailed June 8, 2005, the Examiner indicated that claims 1, 3-9, 11-16, 31, 33-39, 41, 43-49, 70, 73, 82, 84-88, 90-96, 98-107, 112-114, 120 and 121 were allowable. Applicants have accepted the allowed claims and have cancelled the remaining claims. The cancellation of these claims is for the purpose of allowing a patent to issue on the allowed claims, and should not be taken as an agreement that they are anticipated by the prior art of record. Applicants continue to traverse all such rejections and reserve the right to file a continuation application to re-present these claims.

Applicants have further amended claims 40 and 50 to depend from allowable claims.

Claims 1, 3-9, 11-16, 31, 33-41, 43-50, 70, 73, 82, 84-88, 90-107, 112-114, 120 and 121 are presently standing in the application and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which may be associated with this response to Deposit Account No. 06-1325.

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